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To Lyle Jaffe:

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I am writing to you to express my utmost support for Docket Number 98P-0203/CP. I was deeply disturbed to learn about the practice of forced molting of laying hens. Society would never tolerate the practice of starving our companion animals for any period of time, yet no one seems to care about the misery inflicted on farm animals. Animals are so frequently exploited and subjected to tremendous pain simply for monetary gain. For once, we should put the needs of animals before our own greed. Chickens, like any other farm animal, suffer from so much stress and pain, yet no one seems to care about compounding their misery with this practice of forced molting. In addition, in those hens that have the misfortune of surviving the forced molting, the incidence of Salmonella enteritidis is greatly increased. It is unconscionable to allow egg producers to engage in activities that have been proven to increase health risks for consumers. You have the ability to show farmers that the lives of farm animals do matter by putting measures in place to help ensure their proper care. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,


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